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## **Public Hearing Set For US-191 Colorado River Bridge**

**MOAB, UTAH** – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will host a public hearing to review the findings of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed replacement of the US-191 Colorado River Bridge on December 12, 2006.

The Open Forum Public Hearing will be held in the Grand Center, 500 West 182 North, Moab, Utah. Members of the public are invited to review and discuss the proposed project with the environmental study authors any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

An Environmental Assessment is part of an environmental compliance process that must precede any major road or bridge construction project. The “Preferred Alternative” identified in the Colorado River Bridge EA is to replace the US-191 bridge with a new structure that includes four travel lanes, a median, and shoulders. The roadway would also be widened. Bicycle and pedestrian movements along US-191 would be facilitated by the addition of shoulders, sidewalks, and/or separated paths.

UDOT and the Federal Highway Administration expect completion of the environmental compliance process in 2007. As proposed, Phase 1 would replace the US-191 bridge over the Colorado River and associated roadway approaches, along with a separated facility for bicycle and pedestrian traffic between the US-191 bridge and the Courthouse Wash Kiosk. Construction of Phase 1 could begin by the end of this decade. Other improvements would not be implemented until further funding becomes available.

Stakeholders can review the EA and obtain other current project information by accessing the project website at [www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/](http://www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/). Comments are due by January 2, 2007 and may be sent to: US-191 Colorado River Bridge, c/o Michael Baker Jr. Inc., 6955 Union Park Center, Suite 370, Midvale, UT 84047, or emailed to [US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com](mailto:US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com).

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